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MARGINAL COLUMN
By NISSIM REJWAN

IF by last Thursday night anyone was left with any doubts concerning the essentially unsettling character of the United Arab Republic, these doubts were duly dispelled by Colonel Nasser's remarkable performance that day to the frenzied crowds of Damascenes gathered under the balcony of the Presidential Palace in what used to be Syria's capital. The latter-day prophet of Arab Nationalism and the self-styled leader of the pan-Arab movement ("from the Atlantic shores to th. 'Arab' Gulf") had on that occasion truly excelled himself, which is saying a good deal. On no previous occasion — except perhaps his harangue in Alexandria when announcing the seizure of the Suez Canal — had the newly-consecrated President of U.A.R. been so vituperative and baleful in his assaults. The number of times the terms Imperialism and Imperialist Stooges occurred was quite staggering, and there was no doubt to whom the reference was: the rival Hashemite federation of Iraq and Jordan.

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NASSER's choice of the road of subversion and incitement against his new neighbours was inevitable; it is a direct result of the artificiality and non-viability of his new creation. It is also a natural outcome of this *anschluss:* having cheated the Syrians out of practically everything they possessed, he must now offer the usual substitute — scapegoats. It is remarkable how Nasser in Damascus is different from Nasser in Cairo. Nor is it a case of "When you are in Rome, speak as the Romans do;" it took Nasser four full days in the "cradle of Arab Nationalism" to realize that in addition to a province to swallow he now also has the rather difficult job of governing the Syrians. And the Syrians, with their Government gone overnight, their army made a mere auxiliary force under the new Field-Marshal Abdul Hakim Amer, and their political parties dissolved, have no doubt betrayed the extent of their frustration and disenchantment. Why, they may have asked, did the Egyptian Cabinet so far fall in turn to submit its resignation? Why should Egypt get the lion's share in all the highest offices? And — a crucial question, this — who and how many Syrians will be included in the Central Government, itself headed by the all-powerful Nasser?

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THAT all these problems were the subject of fierce and long-drawn-out wrangling in Damascus last week is perfectly clear. But Nasser's visit seems to have a more important purpose. His stay in Damascus has been marked by a good number of delegations flocking from the neighbouring Lebanon to pay their respects and homage. Much publicity has been given to these encounters, and it transpires that most of these Lebanese citizens are Moslems — elements that for some time have been clamouring for a pro-Nasser and anti-Western policy in Beirut, and who do not care in the least for the preservation of the independence of a by and large Christian administration which they greatly resent. Nor does the Lebanon seem to be Nasser's only target. His chief venom last Thursday was directed at the Iraqi and Jordanian Foreign Ministers, whose days he pronounced "numbered." Curiously enough these two gentlemen happened, at the time Nasser was speaking, to be in Riadh holding talks with King Saud, who is the one non-Nasserist Arab ruler who has so far escaped the ex-Colonel's wrath. Does Nasser now feel in a position openly to antagonize the Saudian potentate?

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SAUD himself may have shifted his position since he made it clear two weeks ago that he would enter no federal union with Iraq and Jordan. Nothing has yet been made known about the purpose of the Iraqi-Jordan mission to Riadh, except that it has to do with the prospect of Saudia's joining the Arab Federated State — a fact which would indicate that Saud's stand has undergone a change. Meanwhile, to complicate matters even further, a third and much more sensational Arab union is reported to be in the offing. Oil-rich Saudi Arabia is seeking to enter a federation with the two British protectorate states of Bahrain and Kuwait, which last is itself one of the biggest oil producers in the Middle East. If the union materializes, it will place Britain in a very delicate position. It is a development which, taken together with the Yemen's imminent affiliation to the U.A.R., can mean the virtual end of British influence in the Peninsula. On his way to Damascus carrying his father's approval for the union, Yemeni Crown Prince el-Badr last Thursday held mysterious talks with Saud in Riadh. It would not be in the least surprising if they made a deal dividing the Peninsula among themselves — British Protectorates and all.

Jerusalem, March 2.

21 Frenchmen Deported By Tunisian Gov't

TUNIS Saturday. — Mr. Robert Murphy, sent by the U.S. Government to exercise its offer. of "good offices" to France and Tunisia, saw President Bourguiba in Tunis last night shortly after 21 Frenchmen, expelled from Bizerta and Tunis earlier in the day, had arrived in Marseilles without baggage or money.

The French Charge d'Affaires in Tunis, M. Jean-Pierre Benard, has called the attention of Mr. Murphy to the consequences which the expulsions could have.

Tunisian police yesterday seized 12 Frenchmen in Bizerta, while another nine were arrested in Tunis. No reason was given for their seizure and subsequent expulsion, but the French Embassy declared the men who included two ex-colonels, were "dragged" from their beds between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., and were not allowed to dress or pack their bags.

Assassination Plot

The Neo-Destour newspaper, "El Amal," today reported that the Government last Tuesday had arrested 30 persons on charges of acting against the security of the state and plotting to assassinate President Bourguiba.

The arrests were effected after the discovery of hand-written documents on a messenger who was halted at the Tunisian-Libyan frontier. He was taking them to "persons living in Tunisia from the ex-chief of the rebel band." The latter was understood to mean Salah Ben Yussef, the Tunisian extremist nationalist leader, who fled to Cairo after the discovery of a previous plot.

Informed sources said the arrests had included three college professors and a number of farmers.

The American envoy, Mr. Murphy, now five days in Tunis, has met President Bourguiba twice. The last conversation yesterday evening was reported to be on the subject of the evacuation of French troops from Tunisia. The date of Mr. Murphy's departure is not yet known, although one report had earlier mentioned the possibility of his leaving "very shortly."

Mr. Angus Malcolm, the British Ambassador to Tunis, who has returned from talks in London, said that Britain's "good offices" representative, Mr. Harold Beeley, was not leaving the British capital "at the moment."

Tunisia has told the U.N. that France has forcibly evicted approximately 250,000 Algerians in order to create a no-man's-land on the Tunisian frontier. In a letter to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, the Tunisians said that between February 19 and 23 at least 1,600 refugees entered Tunisia in one province alone and "this exodus is increasing daily at all points on the Tunisian frontier."

(Reuter, UP)

French Say Border Battle Crucial

The return of calm to other parts of Algeria depends on the French winning the present "Battle of the Tunisian Frontier," the French Army spokesman announced in Algiers yesterday.

He disclosed that 427 insurgents had been killed in the last two days of bitter fighting near the Tunisian border. In five major engagements French losses were 24 killed and 57 wounded.

No major fighting was reported yesterday. The French were said to be strengthening their defences to meet an influx of rebels coming from Tunisia. Military sources said that the big clashes during the week were caused by large rebel bands moving out of Tunisia into the Algerian hills for a major, co-ordinated spring offensive.

It was announced that during February 3,900 insurgents and 297 French soldiers were killed, and that 425,000 troops were engaged in 500 operations.

In Paris apprehension about France's future position in Algeria spread beyond political circles to the Paris Bourse, where leading shares lost on average five to six per cent of their overnight values. Losses since last Friday (last settling day for the monthly forward trading) averaged 10 per cent.

(Reuter, UP)

Yemen Ready to Join U.A.R. 'Any Time'

The Yemeni Crown Prince, Mohammed Badr, met with Abdul Nasser twice in Damascus yesterday and announced afterwards that he is ready "at any time" to sign the agreement linking his father's kingdom with the United Arab Republic.

Badr had taken with him to Damascus a draft agreement of federation which had th full approval of his father, the Imam Ahmed. The prince had conferred with King Saud of Saudi Arabia at Riadh on Thursday when on his way to Damascus via Cairo.

At the same time, the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Cairo announced that King Saud would not join any Arab union and would continue to be friendly with all Arab states.

This coincided with reports from Bombay where Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa, uncle and chief adviser of the ruler of Bahrein, announced a plan to unite Saudi Arabia with the two British protected oil rich states of Kuwait and Bahrein. The three states together produce over 160 million tons of oil a year. The Bahrein ruler is at present in Riadh.

New Constitution

On Friday, delegations from Jordan and Iraq, including the Foreign Ministers of both countries, returned home from talks with King Saud in which they were understood to have explained the objectives of the Arab Federated States in an attempt to convince him to join. The Jordan Foreign Minister, Samir Rifa'i, is scheduled to go to Baghdad next Monday to help draw up the new state's constitution.

King Hussein, speaking at a parade in Amman on Friday on the anniversary of the 1916 uprising of his great-grandfather, Hussein ibn Ali, against the Turks, said his country had joined Iraq because Jordan "stood alone facing the enemy."

A storm of violence and invective broke between the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria, and the Arab Federated State of Jordan and Iraq yesterday, as radio stations of both sides exchanged verbal attacks.

Baghdad and Ramallah F[illegible]nied Abdul Nasser's allegations against Foreign Ministers Burhan e-Din Bashayan and Samir Rifa'i that they had vilified the U.A.R. and also termed as "utter fabrication" Cairo claims of disorders in Baghdad and Nablus.

Cairo Radio had said that many persons were killed and wounded by troops during pro-Nasser demonstrations at Nablus and that 50 persons were hurt in similar demonstrations in Baghdad.

A joint communique issued simultaneously in Amman and Baghdad refuted Nasser's charges against the two Foreign Ministers, and said that the Egyptian Ambassador in Baghdad and Bashayan had themselves phoned to news agencies in Baghdad, who in turn said they had not cabled any such statements.

Ramallah Radio renewed its vituperation against Nasser, "the little dictator." It asserted that the establishment of the U.A.R. has changed nothing: "The beggar Nasser is as before — he has sent his soldiers into Arab Sudan, and fools the masses by claiming to be in favour of raising the lot of his *fellahin* and giving his people freedom."

It added the new republic has "evil designs" against the other Arab states who refuse to dance to the "tune played by the beggars and impostors in Cairo, with their hysterical dreams of expansion."

Cairo Radio in turn said the Arab Federated State was "born a paralytic" and said that the fact that Nasser goes about Damascus completely unguarded testifies to the popular nature of the Republic. On the other hand, it asserted, both Kings Faisal and Hussein, because of their unpopularity, must go about "guarded by tanks and armoured cars."

(UP, Reuter, Cairo, Baghdad, Ramallah Radios)

British Artillery Beat Off Yemenis

ADEN, Saturday (Reuter).— Security forces used artillery yesterday to drive off Yemeni attacks on forts in the Belhan area of the British West Aden Protectorate, it was announced today.

Heavy Voting In Sudanese Election

KHARTOUM, Saturday. — Polls of up to 95 per cent were estimated yesterday as Sudanese continued to vote in the first parliamentary elections since the Sudan became independent in 1956. The results are destined to shape a new constitution and immediate relations with Egypt, which is claiming sovereignty over two areas in the north.

Polling to fill 173 seats in the House of Representatives and 30 seats of the partly-nominated 50-seat Senate is staggered throughout the country, and lasts until March 8. Returns will be announced on March 10.

Premier Abdullah Khalil is expecting his Umma Party to profit from the crisis in which his Government stood firm against the Egyptian claims.

Jordan to Launch Irrigation Plan

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Jordan Government has announced that it will begin a £40m. five-year plan of development by starting work immediately on diverting the Yarmuk River to irrigate 60,000 acres in the Jordan Valley.

The Government said it had allocated £1m. of the U.S. economic aid to Jordan for the first stage of the irrigation plan, the country's greatest economic project.

Japan Builds Longest Undersea Tunnel

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — Japanese engineers have completed the world's longest undersea tunnel for vehicles and pedestrians to link the main island of Honshu with the southern island of Kyushu, it was announced today.

The tunnel, which took 21 years to construct, is about four kilometres long.

22 SCHOOLCHILDREN DROWN IN KENTUCKY

PRESTONBURG, Kentucky, Saturday (Reuter). — Twenty-two children drowned yesterday when a school bus plunged into the flood-swollen Sand River near here.

Sixteen other children managed to struggle to safety as the bus sank with the driver still pinned behind the wheel.

Eyewitnesses said that some of the children got out of the bus by the rear door before it completely submerged.

Police used dragnets to locate the bus but were not immediately successful.

600 Feared Dead As Turkish Ferry Sinks

ISTANBUL, Saturday (Reuter). — A Turkish ferry boat sank in the Sea of Marmara today during a storm and 600 persons are feared drowned.

The boat — the 148-ton Uskudar — sank in Izmit Bay at the eastern end of the Sea of Marmara. Turkish naval units and three submarines are searching the area.

19 Die in N.Y. After Drinking 'Moonshine'

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Two owners of a confectionery shop in the Bronx district of New York were today charged with murder following the death of 19 people who had drunk illicit liquor.

Rogosin Expected Today 'To Wind Up Affairs'

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Mr. Israel Rogosin, who is flying to Israel tonight "to wind up my affairs," in a brief conversation with your correspondent reiterated that there is no chance of his projected $30m. rayon plant being completed at Ashdod.

Bitter at his failure to raise the necessary capital here, Mr. Rogosin hits out at everyone, apportioning the blame "40 per cent to American Jewry who did not buy his stock, 20 per cent to the Israel Government, 20 per cent to the Histadrut and 20 per cent to the Israel people and the press" which, he claimed, constantly misquoted him.

This leaves Mr. Rogosin blameless, although other textile experts believe his plans were economically unsound. That is the chief reason, they say, why he could not raise the necessary capital, and lack of capital, of course, is the chief reason why Mr. Rogosin is abandoning the project, though he will not admit it. He stresses delays and inefficiencies, and alleged double-dealing by Government departments and the Histadrut.

Mystery Arms Plane Still Held at Bone

CONSTANTINE, Algeria, Saturday. — The four-man crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress, carrying three tons of arms from Israel, which landed at Bone on Thursday night, were being confined in their hotel rooms pending investigation, a spokesman said today.

There was no indication from the authorities when or whether the plane would leave. Nor would they say why the plane was being detained.

The plane's crew included two Americans, an Englishman, and an Israeli; the spokesman said, adding that the crew said they had taken off from Israel and were on their way to Venezuela. The arms cargo included 292 bazookas, four mortars, 100 sub-machineguns, and corresponding ammunition.

(In Tel Aviv, civil aviation circles said that the plane had left Israel, but that it was not registered there. However, it was added, its captain is not an Israeli.)

It is understood that the plane developed engine trouble and requested permission to touch down in North Africa. As soon as it is repaired, it will resume its flight.

A French spokesman said there was no indication that the arms were destined for the Algerian rebels. He added that the captain of the aircraft told airport officials that because of bad weather he had already tried to land in south Italy, and later at Philippeville, west of Bone, in both cases without success. But the manifest of the plane and the papers of the crew appeared to be in order, he added.

The U.S. Consul in Algiers was unavailable for comment, and police also refused to provide any details.

(Reuter, UP)

Indonesian Parl't Backs Government

JAKARTA, Saturday (Reuter). — The Indonesian Parliament last night endorsed the government's anti-Dutch measures in the campaign to gain Dutch West New Guinea.

The Parliament, adopting a motion of confidence by 95 votes to 20, approved the recent steps in the drive to bring the disputed Pacific territory under Indonesian control.

The rebel Central Sumatran Radio station at Padang claimed tonight that Indonesian Air Force planes yesterday bombed and machine-gunned the town of Tartak Buluh, near the Sumatran oil town of Pakan Bahru, sinking a river ferry.

Judge Voids Award To Levin for 'Diary'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday. — A $50,000 jury award to author Meyer Levin for plagiarism of his unproduced "Diary of Anne Frank" by writers who adapted the prize-winning Broadway version, was voided yesterday by Justice Samuel Coleman, who presided at the trial last month.

Mr. Coleman ordered a new trial because of the "absence of testimony as to the value of what was taken."

Mr. Howard Spellman, Mr. Levin's attorney, pointed out that the judge's decision did not nullify the jury's verdict of plagiarism, and the issue will be pressed to its conclusion at a new trial or appeal.

Mr. Levin has promised to give any monetary award from his law suit to charities.

Pink Locusts at Sde Boker

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A big concentration of pink locusts (schistocerca gregaria) was observed this afternoon 20 kilometres west of Sde Boker after it had disappeared this morning from the vicinity of Ein Yahav in the Arava.

The locusts were spotted by a Chim-Avir Piper "Cub" which had been searching for them all day long. The Plant Protection Division of the Ministry of Agriculture has alerted all Negev settlements, the Army and Police, and has established a headquarters to fight the locust threat in Beersheba.

The present swarm, which is composed of three-month-old locusts, came into the country from the Sinai desert and has since been driven by winds back and forth from Jordan into Sinai. The pink stage is said to be the most dangerous in the locusts' development and the period when their voracious appetite for all greens is at its highest.

Israel was last invaded by locusts two years ago.

WINTER IS BACK

Rain showers, on Saturday afternoon broke the country-wide sharav, and sent bathers along the coast from Haifa to Tel Aviv scurrying home.

The heavy sharav broke under pressure of a sudden penetration of cooler and moist air from the Mediterranean, reported the weatherman at Lydda. Thus, in a few hours temperatures dropped by six to nine degrees centigrade and in the Negev differences as much as 10 were reported.

In Beersheba, rain accompanied by thunderstorms fell for a few minutes at noon. In fact, however, more rains which had fallen from 8,000 feet evaporated completely by the time they reached the 3,000 foot level.

Today's weather was forecast a fair and with temperatures still above normal. No prospects of rain are foreseen.

USSR Now Agrees to Pre-Summit Talks in New Notes to West

U.S. Moves on Disarmament

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. is expected to make an early new move in the U.N. in an effort to break the east-west disarmament deadlock. This was predicted by diplomatic observers here today as the result of the newly announced appointment of Mr. James J. Wadsworth as the U.S. disarmament negotiator, in succession to Mr. Harold Stassen, who resigned after policy disagreements with Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Ike: Full Recovery, Doctors Report

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower has completely recovered from the cerebral attack he suffered last November, a statement issued by three neurological consultants said today after the President had undergone a special examination at the Walter Reed Army Hospital here this morning.

The findings of the check-up were entirely normal and there was no evidence of any damage to his central nervous system.

The President has completely recovered from the minor speech disturbance which he suffered on November 25 last year, the statement added.

Mr. Eisenhower later left the hospital and returned to his desk at the White House.

He had stayed overnight in hospital where he yesterday had one tooth removed.

Meir Made Paramount Chief in Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Golda Meir, here on a five-day visit, was made an honorary paramount chieftain by the women of Liberia at a grand rally on Thursday.

Mrs. Meir met President Tubman on Wednesday evening and was also guest of honour at a dinner given by Secretary of State Momolu Zukuly. The dinner was attended by the Vice-President of Liberia and by all Cabinet Secretaries and heads of Foreign Missions in Monrovia.

She visited both houses of the National Legislature on Thursday and addressed them. She also saw a demonstration at a school, talked to a University of Liberia student body, and laid a wreath at the Pioneer Monument. She will leave for Ghana on Monday.

(See editorial, P. 4)

Sapir Party Feted In Australia

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, and the members of the Israel trade delegation were on Friday the guests of the Australian Minister of Finance at a luncheon given in their honour in Parliament in Canberra, according to reports received in Jerusalem yesterday.

The luncheon was attended by Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Holt, Cabinet Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Herbert Evatt.

Mr. Sapir and the Israel Minister, Mr. M. Nurock, were later received by the Governor-General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

The members of the delegation were also received separately by the Ministers of the Treasury, Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture, and by the Director-General of the Ministry for External Affairs.

Russia Discovers New H-Power Fuel Process

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Russia yesterday claimed to have found a "deep freeze" method of making deuterium — the fuel for industrial use of hydrogen power — from water "at less than one per cent of the cost of coal."

The Russian claim said that deuterium was produced at minus 250 degrees centigrade and added: "This most advanced method has been developed at the Institute of Physical Problems of the Soviet Academy of Sciences."

Several groups of scientists and engineers are designing H-power reactors, Ivan Kurchatov said in an article published in the press and broadcast by Moscow Radio.

With these reactions the new fuel problem will be solved practically for ever, the scientists said. The power potential of ordinary water by this process was about 400 times the present potential of petrol.

Van De Graaff Unit Fitted at Rehovot

REHOVOT, Saturday. — The Van De Graaff electrostatic proton accelerator purchased in the U.S. by the Weizmann Institute, has now been assembled and has successfully completed its trial operation, the Institute announced yesterday.

It is designed to produce high speed particles used to "smash" atoms for the study of nuclear reaction and develops a maximum voltage of 3.5m. volts.

The accelerator is housed in a specially built tower in the grounds of the new Institute of nuclear science and will be operated by the Nuclear Physics Department.

Costing $180,000, it was built in 1956-57 and was brought in sections to Israel by sea some months ago. The work of assembling and installing took longer than expected. Since it is a new model, many difficulties had to be overcome by the two representatives of the U.S. makers, the High Voltage Engineering Corporation of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who spent several months here, working with Dr. Gvirol Goldring, a member of the Institute's Nuclear Physics Department.

DUTCH PROTESTANTS TO SELL ISRAEL BONDS

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (Reuter). — Fifty representatives of most Protestant churches in Holland have formed a committee to promote the sale of State of Israel Bonds to express sympathy with Israel on her 10th Anniversary on April 24, it has been announced. It is hoped to terminate the campaign in July.

BEDUIN ARRESTED

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A member of the Abu Rabi'a Beduin tribe in the Negev was arrested today by security forces on charges of possessing a smuggled Belgian rifle. It is believed he received the rifle from Jordan.

Concession to Western View

Russia, in notes to the Western powers, has agreed to a Foreign Ministers' meeting to pave the way for a summit conference, usually reliable sources reported yesterday.

The notes were understood to say that the purpose of the Foreign Ministers' talks should be to prepare an agenda for a top level conference and decide what countries should take part in it.

Official details were not yet available, however, although it was understood that the Russians suggested that the Foreign Ministers meet in April.

The Soviet message to the U.S. was handed over on Friday night to the American Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Llewellyn Thompson, by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

A Soviet note to France was handed over yesterday to Foreign Minister Christian Pineau by the Soviet Ambassador in Paris.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London yesterday afternoon said that no Soviet note had yet been received by the British Government.

Normal Channels

A brief State Department announcement on Friday night said the latest Soviet communication concerned "procedures for preparations for a possible summit meeting."

Observers in Washington thought that the fact that Mr. Gromyko called in the U.S. Ambassador demonstrated Soviet willingness to embark on exchanges through normal diplomatic channels, as urged by President Eisenhower in his last note to the Soviet Premier, Marshal Bulganin, on February 15. He suggested at the time that, instead of continuing the highly publicized correspondence which he had been having with the Soviet Prime Minister, it would be preferable to embark on less formal and less public contacts aimed at laying the ground for a top level conference.

The French Foreign Ministry announced that the note received in Paris, believed to be basically similar to the one sent to the U.S., accepted proposals for a Foreign Ministers' meeting to prepare the agenda for a summit conference.

July Conference

Western observers said that the new Russian move represents a definite concession to the Western viewpoint—but was made after that viewpoint itself had shifted.

After the December Nato summit meeting in Paris the British, U.S. and French Governments agreed that a top level meeting with the Soviet Government ought to be preceded by a Foreign Ministers' conference. But in view of Soviet opposition to this view, both Britain and the U.S. told Russia that a Foreign Ministers' meeting was not essential. This position was adopted by the French Government in an announcement made only last Friday.

The growing impression among Western observers now is that the most likely date for a summit conference is July.

The White House announced last night that the new Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail Menshikov, will confer with President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles on Monday.

The meeting is expected to concern the latest Soviet note.

(Reuter)

Foreign Ministers Likely to Meet Soon

U.S. officials yesterday held urgent consultations on the latest Soviet note, which was understood also to include a proposal for a meeting of the NATO powers and the East European countries belonging to the Warsaw Pact.

Some observers immediately interpreted the Soviet note as meaning that there would undoubtedly be an early Foreign Ministers' meeting in Geneva.

They said that whatever objections the U.S. Government might have would be overcome by the pressure of public opinion in Western Europe and in other parts of the world for the talks.

From all that Mr. Dulles and President Eisenhower have said in the last few weeks it is obvious that it will not be particularly easy for the West to agree with the Soviet Union on a possible agenda for summit talks.

The U.S. has criticized the points which the Soviet Union say should be discussed, while the Soviet Prime Minister has, in effect, rejected all the suggested items which President Eisenhower has put forward.

In addition to the disagreement over the agenda, there also still appeared to be a major divergence between the U.S. and Soviet positions on what should be expected of the summit conference.

In the U.S. view, the heads of government should meet only to make decisions on issues thrashed out in advance. On the other hand, the Soviet Union's position is that the heads of government should test first and initiate discussions on various problems at lower levels.

In London, first reaction was favourable, though little official comment was available.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Bonn said: "We consider a Foreign Ministers' conference, which would have to be prepared through diplomatic channels as a good way to an East-West summit conference."

Italian Government circles welcomed Russia's acceptance, feeling that it would help to prevent an eventual summit conference from degenerating into a propaganda match.

French Foreign Minister Pineau yesterday said a Foreign Ministers' conference "seemed to us indispensable. This conference will enable us to fix the agenda of the work of the summit conference, determine the extent of the subjects to be discussed and decide which countries shall take part."

(Reuter)

Fire Damages Offices Of Israel's U.N. Team

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Fire yesterday damaged the building housing the Israel delegation to the U.N.

The third and fourth floors of the building, in New York's East Side were worst damaged. Men and women in the offices filed quietly down to the street when the alarm was given.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately known.

Rumania, Hungary May Unite

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — The main topic of recent discussions between Rumanian and Hungarian Communist Party and Government officials in Bucharest was a Rumanian proposal suggesting a "union of the two countries," a Rumanian secret radio station picked up in Vienna said today.

The radio claimed to be operated by "national Rumanian officers." It has been delivering broadcasts twice a week changing its wavelengths frequently.

The station said that the Rumanian Communist Party First Secretary, Mr. Gheorghe Gheorghiu Dej, had proposed to the Hungarian First Secretary, Mr. Janos Kadar, to "unify Rumania and Hungary within six months."

The name of the new state would be "The Rumanian-Hungarian Socialist People's Republic," it said.

Bulgaria would also join this union and all three states would join the Soviet Union at a later date, the radio added.

Valuable Renoir For Tel Aviv Museum

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Wilhelm Weinberg, the Dutch banker who died in Scarsdale, N.Y., last year, has willed to the Tel Aviv Museum, through the American-Israel Cultural Fund, the most valuable painting ever given to Israel.

It is Renoir's "Dos de Femme Nue," whose appraised value is $125,000. He donated it in memory of his three children who were killed by the Nazis.

Letters Are Pouring In . . .

Day by day the "Shemen" factory is receiving letters from housewives all over the country, expressing thanks for "OR," the new washing powder. All writers emphasize the speed and ease with which "OR" achieves splendid whiteness. And no wonder: "OR" is really the acme of perfection among washing powders.

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LILLI WEINBAUM and FAMILY.
Tel Aviv.

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Social & Personal

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi on Friday received Mr. Dov Joseph, of the Jewish Agency Executive, at the Ben-Zvi Institute.

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The Austrian Minister and Mrs. Kurt Enderl and the Economic Attache and Mrs. H. Katz on Thursday visited the Pardess Syndicate Packing House in Rehovot, where they inspected fruit packing processes. Afterwards they were guests at a luncheon given by the Citrus Marketing Board at the Ramat Aviv Hotel.

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Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, on Thursday toured youth centres in the Negev and Southern districts. Accompanying him were Mr. Moshe Kol and Dr. Israel Margolit.

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Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim on Thursday visited kibbutzim and rural communities of the Poalei Agudat Yisrael, including Kibbutz Shalavim, Moshav Yesodot, Kibbutz Hafetz Hayim. He was accompanied by Mr. N. Z. Williams, Rabbi Dr. Kalman Kahana, M.K., and Mr. I. Gross, Chairman of the Nahal Shurok District Council.

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A reception for Mr. Eugene Hinterhoff, Secretary of the British circle of military commentators, was held by Sgan-Aluf and Mrs. Shaul-Ramati at their home on Thursday.

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Mr. Moshe Kol, head of Youth Aliyah, will give a reception in honour of Mrs. Isaac Wolfson tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Beit Shalom, Talbieh, Jerusalem. Mrs. Wolfson was elected Joint Chairman of the Child and Youth Aliyah Committee for Great Britain at the Committee's annual meeting in London on February 24.

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Professor N. Feinberg will lecture on "The Geneva Conference on the Codification of the Law of the Sea" under the auspices of the International Law Association, Israel Branch, at the Law Faculty, Ratisbonne Building, Jerusalem, tonight at 8.30 p.m.

MEMORIAL MEETING

Mrs. Rose Isaacs

A memorial meeting in memory of Mrs. Rose Isaacs, founder of the Women's League for Israel, will take place tomorrow, Monday, March 3, at 5 p.m. at the Beit Hahalutzot, 14 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Jerusalem, with the participation of Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi. The public is invited.

Rotary Convention Set for March

The annual Rotary Convention will be held this year on March 18-20 at Hamlin Hall in Tel Aviv. More than 700 members and their wives have signified their intention of participating.

Rotary members from abroad are also expected.

The highlight of this year's convention will be a series of addresses by members of the diplomatic corps posted in Israel, who will describe the work of the Rotary in their countries.

Balconies Checked On Parade Route

The Jerusalem Municipal Engineer in cooperation with the Civil Defence Administration are to inspect as of today, all balconies overlooking the Independence Day Army parade route. The inspectors will determine the maximum number of persons each balcony can hold. Householders will be informed of the results following the completion of the inspection.

Cinemas

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At 3.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

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ORAH: Love In The Afternoon.
AMFIHTEATER: The River's Edge.
GAL, OR: The Bachelor Party. Mat.: Charge At Feather River.
MAY: The Pajama Game.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
March 2, 1958

The Special Tribunal Constituted Under Article 55 of the Order-In-Council

Before Justices Agranat and Landau, and Rabbi Goldschmidt.

Esther Sidess v. Shmuel Sidess (S.T.1/56)

Terms of Engagement Agreement Not Matter Of Marriage

Esther Misrachi married Shmuel Sidess in September, 1951. A few months previous to the marriage an engagement contract was drawn up between the two parties containing, amongst other things, a mutual promise of marriage, an undertaking on the part of the future bridegroom to double, in the Ketubah, everything contributed by the bride; and on the part of the future bride an undertaking that whensoever she should build on the plot of land belonging to her, she would register half of the property in the name of her future husband. The agreement stipulated liquidated damages in the event of any breach and was formally concluded by the handing over of "Kinyan Sudar."

A large building was eventually constructed on the plot, which is in Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem, but by then the relationship between husband and wife was evidently strained and the latter refused to transfer half the building to the former.

Mr. Sidess thereupon filed a claim against his wife in the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court with regard to this property and to the proceeds from that part of his wife's dowry known as Nichse Melug. The Rabbinical Court first gave a ruling with regard to the usufruct from the wife's Nichse Melug, ordering her to hand it over to the husband. Mrs. Sidess' Counsel maintained that the Rabbinical Court had no jurisdiction in the matter since Nichse Melug is not "a matter of marriage" and therefore not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical courts. An application was made to a Special Tribunal constituted under Article 55 of the Order-in-Council to decide whether Nichse Melug is a "matter of marriage." The Special Tribunal decided in the affirmative and confirmed that a claim for the usufruct from Nichse Melug came within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Courts (see Jerusalem Post Law Report of August 10, 1954.)

The Rabbinical Court subsequently considered the husband's claim to half his wife's property in Rehov Ben Yehuda — based on the terms of the engagement contract — and once again the wife objected that this was not a "matter of marriage." The Rabbinical Court held that it was and proceeded to consider the case ex parte as the wife refused to recognise its jurisdiction, deciding finally that the wife should register half the disputed property in her husband's name. In view of the wife's objection to the execution of this judgment, the Deputy Chief Execution Officer eventually decided that the question of jurisdiction should be referred to a Special Tribunal. Hence Mrs. Sidess' present application to the Special Tribunal.

Mr. Lewitzky, Mr. Aharonwitz and Mr. Mack appeared for the applicant (Mrs. Sidess) and Messrs. Krongold, Mizrahi and Hirshberg for the respondent (Mr. Sidess).

The gist of Mrs. Sidess' Counsel's arguments was, in the main, that the undertaking in the engagement contract was an outright gift and therefore had no connection with the marriage; while that of Mr. Sidess' Counsel was that the undertaking comprised part of the wife's dowry known as Nichse Teon Barsel and was consequently intimately connected with the marriage and certainly a "matter of marriage."

Judgment

The decision of the Special Tribunal was delivered in three separate judgments.

Justice Agranat, who delivered the majority judgment, said that for an action brought by a husband to recover property from his wife to be regarded as a matter of personal status, it would have to come within the framework of "suit regarding marriage"—as held by the Special Tribunal in the first Sidess application—and therefore would have to be an action for the realization of proprietary rights which originated directly from the marriage status or the matrimonial union.

One reason why actions of this nature should be regarded as being matters connected with marriage, he continued, is that the personal relations between the married couple would inevitably be influenced by the question of the manner in which their property is distributed between them. For this reason it is eminently important for the happiness of the marriage that the regulation of the couple's personal property be clear and fixed from the beginning, either by mutual agreement reached simultaneously with the marriage ceremony (such as marrying under community of property) or by the law pertaining to their marriage, in both cases the arrangement to hold only by virtue of and during the course of the marriage.

The claim in the present action should be studied in the light of this principle, Justice Agranat said, and if it is found that the husband's demand that half the property in question be registered in his name is a claim for the realization of proprietary rights originating directly from the marriage status or from the matrimonial union then it would come under "suits regarding marriage" and would be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the rabbinical courts. But if it is found to be merely a claim for specific performance on the wife's part of the agreement after the husband had already performed his part of the agreement, — as argued by the applicant's Counsel — then it would be merely a monetary or material matter which does not come within the jurisdiction of the rabbinical courts.

In considering this question, Justice Agranat said that, in the light of the line he intended adopting, he saw no reason to decide whether the applicant had intended the property to be transferred to the respondent in the form of Nichse Teon Barsel, particularly since the construction to be put on the applicant's intentions might still come up when the claim is finally dealt with by the appropriate court.

On Basis of Jewish Law

In order to arrive at an answer to the question before it, Justice Agranat continued, the Tribunal must decide on the legal significance of the engagement agreement between the couple in the eyes of Jewish law, and that not only for the reason that the document itself indicates that the parties to it had Jewish law in mind, but also because the very nature of the question to which an answer is sought automatically leads to Jewish law.

Both parties are agreed, he continued, that the document in question is an engagement (*Le shidushin*) contract, and it would be difficult to define its exact place in Jewish law without understanding something about the historical development of the institution of *shidushin* and the changes which took place with regard to the "dowry agreement" (*piskat ndunia*) as a result of this development.

Justice Agranat then gave a short historical survey of the gradual replacement of the institution of *erussin* by that of *shidushin*. The former, he pointed out, was a formal betrothal, accompanied by *kidushin* (consecration), and was part and parcel of the institution of marriage, being merely a preliminary to the final stage of the ceremony — that performed under the *huppah*. Although the marriage was not consummated before the *huppah*, the preliminary stage — that of *erussin* — was as binding on the couple as though the complete ceremony had been performed and there was no release from it except by divorce or death.

In the course of time the *erussin-kidushin* and the *huppah* were gradually merged into one ceremony so that only a symbolic lapse of time remained between the period of *erussin* and the marriage proper. This resulted in the need for some substitute for the institution of the formal betrothal and eventually in the development of the institution of *shidushin*—which is a form of betrothal which does not bind the couple by ties of marriage.

Not Replacing Erussin

In order, however, to ensure that the *shidushin* contract be honoured, the system of sanctions in the form of liquidated damages was introduced. The institution of *shidushin* was never a substitute in law for the institution of *erussin*, he emphasized, since the former does not in any way confer marital status on the parties, nor is there any way of enforcing the marriage on a recalcitrant party to a *shidushin* agreement.

With the disappearance of the waiting period between the *erussin-kidushin* and the final *nissuin*, it became the custom to include details as to the dowry (*piskat ndunia*) in the *shidushin*, and Justice Agranat then went on to discuss in great detail, with numerous references to Talmudic commentators, the development of the institution of *piskat ndunia*. He pointed out that, in accordance with the Jewish law, no contract is binding unless accompanied by some extraneous, objective act of "*kinyan*" which symbolizes the fact that the parties have come to complete and irrevocable agreement. In the case of the *piskat ndunia*, the question arose as to whether in certain particular instances where such agreements are made informally and without the usual form of *kinyan*, they would be binding upon the parties.

Rab held that informal agreements would be binding if followed by *kidushin*. Later commentators were divided in their opinions as to whether the *kidushin* should be performed immediately after the informal agreement was made or whether there could be some lapse of time between the two, as long as the *kidushin* was performed before the person contributing the dowry had changed his mind.

But, said Justice Agranat, he did not think that acceptance of either theory changes the basic fact that the *kidushin*, in accordance with Rab's ruling, fulfils the function of giving validity and a binding quality to an informal dowry agreement.

In the present case, however, he continued, even if the latter doctrine were accepted — that the *kidushin* did not necessarily have to follow immediately on the informal agreement — it could not be said that the *shidushin* contract, which obviously preceded the *kidushin* by some months, had been transformed by the validating power of the *kidushin* into an obligation which derives its existence from the personal status created between the couple as a result of the *kidushin*. For in the agreement in question the act of *kinyan sudar* is specifically mentioned.

In other words, there had been a formal act of *kinyan* and the *kidushin* was not required in order to complete the transaction and give it validity. Its only function had been the creation of the marital status between the couple.

Kidushin Must Be Quick

Furthermore, Justice Agranat continued, he threw in his lot with that school of thought which maintained that the *kidushin* must follow immediately upon the *piskat ndunia* in order to have a validating effect — and this would obviously not happen in a case where the *piskat ndunia* is part of the *shidushin* agreement. The obligation in the *shidushin* agreement is, therefore, a purely monetary one and is not one arising from the existence of the matrimonial union.

Furthermore, in accordance with Talmudic commentators, once the marriage has taken place the fact that the wife's promised dowry is not forthcoming — when the promise was contained in the *shidushin* agreement — should not be allowed to influence adversely the husband's attitude to his wife. This material obligation cannot thereby be regarded as being closely bound up with the maintenance of good relations between the couple or as constituting one of the conditions on which the success and happiness of the marriage depends — as do those monetary obligations which flow directly from the existence of the matrimonial union.

In short, Justice Agranat held, the promise of a dowry in a *shiduhin* contract is an ordinary monetary obligation and is not to be regarded as a "matter of marriage." Likewise, a claim based on this promise does not come within the framework of a "suit of marriage." The rabbinical court therefore had no jurisdiction to deal with the claim.

(To be continued)

Horowitz Lists Five Tasks for Economy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five tasks which Israel must accomplish in its second decade as part of its struggle for economic independence were outlined on Thursday by Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. He was speaking at the second Economic Forum of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce, at the Eden Hotel. Mr. Menache Eilachar, president of the Chamber, was in the chair.

Mr. Horowitz pointed out that in its second decade, Israel would face a slackening in the influx of foreign capital, due to the completion of the Shlumin agreement, as well as a world-wide shortage of private capital for investment purposes. Moreover, Israel would have to begin paying off its long-term debts.

If the country were to face up to these problems, it would have to cut consumption and increase its productive investments so as to achieve a balance between exports and imports.

At present, consumption was increasing. Personal consumption increased by 7.5 per cent in 1955; by an additional 6 per cent in 1956; and by an estimated 7-8 per cent in 1957.

Secondly, difficulties in obtaining foreign capital made it imperative that Israel create its own capital through savings. A prior condition for this was to ensure that existing enterprises were self-supporting.

Rate of Productivity

Thirdly, the flow of investments must be increasingly directed into those branches which would ensure equilibrium between imports and exports.

Another task was to see that money was printed only to the extent that production rose.

Lastly, development did not only mean increasing the physical production of the nation, but making sure that production was accompanied by an increasing rate of productivity so that Israel could compete on the world market.

Imports for South Diverted to T.A.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has agreed to reroute through Tel Aviv-Jaffa Port all Government imports destined for development areas in the south, it was announced last week in Jerusalem.

The move follows an appeal by the Ministry of Transport to divert more cargoes through the port, perennially plagued by unemployment.

DIES. — The Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Great Chamberlain of England from 1928 to 1936, died yesterday in London at the age of 77.

Taking the Bang Out of Purim

Three schoolchildren from Kiryat Hayovel, Jerusalem, allegedly admitted on Thursday that they had taken a number of detonators and a quantity of explosives from a building site in Ir Ganim to use them for celebrating Purim.

The children were arrested on suspicion of committing the theft after the loss was reported by the building foreman, Mr. Baruch Eilyahu.

The Jerusalem Municipality last week announced a ban on the sale of fireworks. *(Itim.)*

HU Students to Train At Einstein School

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An agreement calling for the training of Hebrew University students at the Einstein Agricultural School at Ben Shemen was signed yesterday by Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Luz, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University, Prof. S. Horowitz, and Mr. Y. Yaacobson, representing the Ben Shemen school.

Prof. Horowitz explained that the faculty had found the Einstein School to be the best place for such training for students studying to be agricultural teachers and instructors, and that students in those courses would spend six weeks a year at the School during their three-year course in the faculty.

The Minister of Agriculture and his party were taken on a tour of the Ben Shemen School and its farm before the signing ceremony. *(Itim.)*

Church Services

JERUSALEM

St. Peter's Church (Musrara Qr.): H.C. 7 p.m. announced. Clergy: Canon H.B. A. Jones (Tel 2713). Rev. J. Ayre (Tel. 6194).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M.P. 10 a.m. Minister Rev. W. Gardiner Scott. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m.

Catholic: 6 a.m. Germans Holy Sepulchre Chapel. Lazarusque. German, Italian, English, French 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Lazarusque. English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Rome (Ratisbonne). Language: French 8 a.m. Arabic. English, German Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese 9 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel) Lazarusque: French, English, Italian, 9 a.m. Pierre de Rome 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.), M.P. 8 a.m. Lazarusque, French. Sinclair. German. Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St., near Bikur Holim) Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister L.F. Irish.

Christian Fellowship Verses Hour at Y.M.C.A. 6.15 p.m. Speaker: Rev. W. Gardiner Scott.

Brethren (Jamil House, Talbiah). Breaking of Bread, Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Hour, 7.30 p.m. Saturday: 8.30 a.m. Good News Hour.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way). M.P. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal). Hovevei Sion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia) Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Friday: M.P. 6.30 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study, 10.30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln, near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School. 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship: 4 p.m. Bible class.

Russian Orthodox Church (Russian Compound): Mass 5 a.m. (Russian).

Greek Orthodox Church (St. Simeon's, Katamon): Mass 8.30 a.m. (Greek & Arabic).

Assemblies of God Church corner Masilla & King George Sts. (Pastor: M.B. Pancovic): Sat. 7.30 p.m.: Sun. 9 a.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Immanuel Church (American Episcopal) off 19 Eliat St. H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.P. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 2778, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's), Jaffa: M.P. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Roman Catholic), near Clock Tower. 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Polish Sermon); Weekdays, 7.30 a.m.; Saturday, High Mass, 9 a.m. Confessions one hour prior to all masses.

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Peter's Church, Abu Kebir): Mass 9 a.m. (Russian).

St. Anthony Catholic Church Jaffa: Sunday Masses, 8 & 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Languages: Arabic, French, German, English, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: (Anglican Episcopal) Mountain Rd., near Vine St., H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.P. 10 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Chaplain: Revd. John Ryecart. (Tel. 3713; P.O.B. 1797).

The Scandinavian Seamen's Church, 41 Mesr St., P.O.B. 1208 Lutheran Service, 7.30 p.m. (Rev Per Faye Hansen).

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Elijah's Cave, Mt. Carmel): Mass 8 a.m.

Brethren (Bethesda Gospel Hall, 29 Allenby Rd.): Sun.: Breaking of Bread, 9.30 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sun. of month 6.30 p.m.): Gospel meetg., 8 p.m. Wed.: Bible Study, 8 p.m. Prayer 6.30 p.m. Sat.: Bible study, 8 p.m. Languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian German, etc.

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Church of Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Mass 8 a.m. (Greek and Arabic).

Notice to the Public

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SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 9
Conductor:
GEORG SINGER
Soloist:
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(Piano)
TEL AVIV
Due to the sudden illness of Conductor
George Singer
Series "1"
which was scheduled for tonight, is postponed and will take place on Saturday, March 8 — Mann Auditorium, at 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA
— "Armon", 9 p.m.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 8
Tues. March 4 — Series "3"
Wednes. Mar. 5 — Series "1"
Thurs. Mar. 6 — Series "2"
Limited number of tickets for Series "3" available at Ginsburg-Yuval's Office, 35 Rehov Herzl.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
822, 349, 33.3 & 41.7 M.
News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 & 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 8.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m. **English:** 1.45 p.m. **French:** 2.00 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service (R). — 6.37 Calisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies. 12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — Soloists: Risa Stivens & Robert Merrill (Vocalists). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Light Classical Music. Overture "Rossmunde" (Schubert) "Carnival of the Animals" (Saint-Saens). 1.30 Messages to Immigrants.
4.00 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 "Perpetuum Mobile." 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs & Tunes. 6.40 Oriental Request Programme. 7.15 "At the Piano": Nahum Nardi. 7.35 From the Sports Field. 8.00 Light Music. 8.20 "Prof. On." 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms Chaps. 101 & 102. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by I.P.O. — Conductor: A. Waltenstein. Soloist: Ora Rose (Piano)—Piano Concerto (Khatchaturian). 10.15 "Great Speeches" — The French Revolution. 10.45 "Jazz."

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 400, 292.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Music for Sunday. 6.40 Tunes by Mascheroni.
7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Hebrew Lesson. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
457 & 41.67 M.
Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—9.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.):
Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.42 "Sunday Column"—Walter Eytan. 6.50 "Jerusalem Forum." 7.15 Yiddish. Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.43 "Sunday Column"—Walter Eytan. 11.50 "Land of the Bible." 2.15 Religious Life in Israel.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 255 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 Sport. 7.35 News from the Record Library. 8.00 "For Your Information." 8.15 "This Evening's Star" — Judy Garland. 8.25 Your Favourites. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Announcements. 9.45 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.90, 16.84 & 34.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 a.m. News. News Talk. International Commentary. Sports Round-Up.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English programmes — (434 & 485 M.): 7.30 p.m. Books Worth Reading. 7.30 Song Recital. 10.00 The Music Room.

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Tickets at: "The Circus Town"; "Kanaf," "Hakartis," "Sherutron," "Rococo" and "Radio-Union."

By request of the Police a reserve of the cheaper priced tickets (IL1,400 — 1,900) will be kept at the Circus Box office, in order to avoid profiteering. These will be sold on the day of the performance, starting from 10.30 a.m.

Don't Miss It!
Tonight's special programme on
Personal Compensation from Germany
Kol Yisrael — "Gentlemen of the Press" at 8.20 p.m.
Participants:
Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the Zionist Organization, Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel, and Dr. Yosef Weiss, Advisor for Personal Compensation Claims.

Today's Postbag

The Weather

Forecast: Fair. Temperature still above normal.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	40	13	22	16
Tiberias	30	30	31	25
Haifa Port	26	19	30	23
Natanya	44	17	31	26
Tel Aviv Port	61	17	25	22
Lydda Airport	67	15	23	20
Jerusalem	34	12	27	20
Beersheba	45	15	28	25
Sdom	34	15	28	26
Eilat	42	17	32	29

"A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

An Italian archaeological mission headed by Prof. Doro Levy for a ten day visit to study excavation possibilities at Caesarea. (by B.E.A. and El Al).

Prof. Nelson Glueck, Dr. H.B. Weise and Mr. Y. Lichter of the Cincinnati Hebrew Union College, to complete details for the construction of the building of the school of oriental studies in Jerusalem (by El Al).

Mr. Yisrael Kutsky, chairman of the United Israel Appeal in Cuba (by El Al).

Mr. John Robertson, of "Time and Tide," of London (by El Al).

Mr. Samuel Bontchek, Vice-President of the American Farband and Vice-Chairman of the Histadrut Campaign, to participate in the sessions of the Zionist General Council (by El Al).

Rabbi Arye Gelman, Chairman of the World Mizrahi Centre, and Rabbi Bezalel Cohen, member of the Centre, from a visit to North America (by El Al).

Mr. Yechiel Leserwoder, chairman of Miami Histadrut Campaign, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Frankel of Miami, for a six months stay.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Karl Marx, owner and editor of the Dusseldorf weekly "Allgemeine Wochenseitung der Juden in Deutschland," after a three day visit (by T.W.A.).

The conductor, Mr. Sergiu Celibidache, for Rome, after a five-week concert tour with the I.P.O. (by T.W.A.).

Dr. Wolfgang Berthols, Middle and Far Eastern Editor of the Zurich "National Zeitung," for Zurich, after a short visit as guest of the Government (by El Al).

Orna Porat, the Chamber Theatre actress, to Switzerland, for the U.I.A. Campaign (by El Al).

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy, is being held by Nazareth police for stabbing a companion, also 13, in a scuffle.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

MARCH 2, 1948

The Palestine members of the Jewish Agency Executive and the Executive of the Vaad Leumi will constitute the Provisional Council of the Jewish State, to be set up by April 1, the Vaad Leumi decided last night.

It is reported from New York that U.S. Defence Secretary James V. Forrestal recently suggested to President Truman that he send General Dwight Eisenhower to Palestine to try to work out an agreement between the Jews and Arabs.

Faulty Wire Dims Lights in Rehavia

A section of Rehavia was plunged into darkness for several hours yesterday evening due to a fault in the high tension line bringing power to Jerusalem. The lights went on again at 9 o'clock.

Among the houses blacked out were Beit Hanasi, the Prime Minister's residence and Mayor Agron's home.

The reason for the breakdown is believed to be the blasting work done at the Hebrew University where a parking lot is being levelled on the campus near Rehov Ruppin. On Friday morning rock splinters hit the high tension wires over the blasting site. The failure yesterday was attributed to the damage caused to the wires on Friday.

Rabbi Shlomo Shapiro

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Shapiro, the father of the Minister of Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, passed away after a short illness here tonight at the age of 81.

The funeral cortege will leave from 71 Rehov Jabotinsky tomorrow at 11.30 a.m. for the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery.

The late Rabbi Shapiro came to this country in 1935. Since his wife's death he had lived with his son, Rabbi Reuven Shapiro, a factory owner. Apart from the Minister, he left another son, Rabbi Zerach Shapiro, of New York, and a daughter, Mrs. T. Ostarinsky.

Alter Berenson

SAFAD, Saturday. — Mr. Alter Berenson, a third generation Safadi, died here at the age of 60 yesterday. His funeral took place in the afternoon.

He was the owner of the Tel Aviv Hotel here and a popular figure in the city.

Herut Opposes T.A. Tax Rise

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The local Herut Party branch after a five-hour meeting last night voted to reject the proposed 15 per cent rise in municipal taxes for the coming fiscal year.

Dr. Y. Bader, M.K., was present at the meeting.

The committee likewise voted to send a three-man delegation to National Headquarters to support their stand.

If they decide against it, Herut is expected to leave the present coalition.

Mayor Haim Levanon told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that "Herut Deputy Mayor A. Schechterman voted in favour of the rise with the rest of the city management. The dispute is between his party's election promises and administrative demands."

The Mayor added that a rift also existed between members of his own party (General Zionists) and its representatives on the City Coalition. He added that the Council faction would meet tomorrow to decide.

"No one has offered me any alternative to a rise in taxes for balancing the city budget," Mr. Levanon declared. The City Council is to meet both on Monday and on Tuesday to discuss the budget and specially the proposed tax rises, he said.

Deputy Mayor Rabbi I. Abramowitz told *The Jerusalem Post* that the religious factions supported the tax rise decisions taken by the management.

It is known that Dr. Bader and Mr. D. Milman, the Herut Party leaders, had told the Mayor that their party would not support the tax increases.

Goldmann Pays Tribute To Mikhoels' Memory

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, today expressed his hope that the Jews in Soviet Russia would be permitted "within our lifetime" to regain free contact with Jewish people everywhere, and Israel in particular.

Dr. Goldmann was speaking before the performance of "Mirele Efros" at the Habimah Theatre here tonight, the tenth anniversary of the death of S. Mikhoels, the Yiddish actor-producer, during the Stalin purge of Jewish intellectuals.

All his life Mikhoels believed in the common identity of the Jewish people, Dr. Goldmann said. He never concealed his own Jewish identity and hoped that after the victory over Nazism there would be "one world" in which communications between Jews would be possible.

When Mikhoels was in New York at the head of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee delegation, "we used to talk about the 'tragedy of the modern maranos in Russia,'" Dr. Goldmann recalled.

The evening was opened by the veteran Habimah actor Yehoshua Bertonoff. Miss Hanna Rovina played the title role.

Among those present were the Ministers of Finance, Labour and Police; the Chief of Staff; Mayor Haim Levanon; Mr. Argov, M.K., Chairman of Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, and Mr. I. Razin, Secretary of the Israel-USSR Friendship Committee.

Radio Journal Discussed At Public Debate

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "It would be hard to imagine the proposed Radio Magazine criticizing Kol Yisrael," declared Mr. Levi Yitzhak Hayerushalmi, the Mapai spokesman, at a public debate on the question of the magazine held last night at the Yahdav Club here.

Mr. Hayerushalmi said that the proposed magazine was both unnecessary and an extravagance for the State, the public, and for Kol Yisrael. He denied that Mapai would gain any advantages from the magazine, and pointed out that the daily newspapers had recently expanded their radio sections, which would undoubtedly be reduced by publication of the magazine.

Mr. H. Givton, Assistant Director of the Broadcasting Service, declared that Kol Yisrael had no intention of competing with the press, but would restrict its coverage to explanations of broadcast material, such as speeches, Hebrew lessons, and cultural programmes, which the daily press could not cover adequately because of lack of space. He denied that the magazine would be turned into a political tool.

Mr. Dan Pines, editor of "Omer," supported the publication of the magazine, but said that it should not receive paper allocations until newsprint shortages of the daily press were filled.

Arab Initiative Urged in Solving Problems; Gov't, Mapai to Help

By ANAN SAFADI Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Saturday. — Some 600 residents today attended the first Mapai meeting to be held in this town. They included Mayor A. Jarjura, the town's coalition councillors and Arab M.K.'s.

The main speaker, Mr. Akiva Govrin, the Mapai Knesset Whip, dwelt on the many social problems facing the city and the Arab minority in general. The Government and Mapai were eager to help the Arabs of Israel solve their problems, but the community must show initiative in making a start in this direction.

He said the Government was not doing the Arab citizens "a favour" by helping them, because it considered this to be its duty.

Mr. Govrin said there were numerous possibilities of establishing industrial enterprises in the Arab populated areas, partly to be financed by Jewish capital. As an example he cited the setting up of a container factory in Baka el Garbieh which would employ 150 men.

Offices to Nazareth

Following the Premier's announcement of the Government's policy towards the minorities, it had been decided to transfer all Government offices in Galilee to Nazareth, he revealed.

Mr. Govrin charged the Communists with deliberately preventing development works in the Arab areas. In Nazareth itself they had fought against the introduction of a proper water supply from Mekorot sources, he pointed out. He asked the audience not to follow the Communists, whose purpose was to incite disputes between the Jewish population and the Arab citizens.

The Government was now establishing agricultural schools in Kafr Kasim and in Tamra village, Mr. Govrin said. In addition it had issued over 20 scholarships to the 45 Arab agriculture students in the country. But the Government and Mapai were not satisfied with this, and would do more.

Habibi's Campaign

Last night, the Communist M.K., Mr. Emile Habibi, renewed his campaign for the "right of national self-determination for the Arab minority." He made the call during a two-hour speech at the local Communist Youth Club on the occasion of a meeting of solidarity with the Algerian rebels.

Only about 80 persons attended the meeting, but the speeches were broadcast over loudspeakers in the streets.

The Military Governor refused to grant permission for the meeting at the Empire Cinema in the main street. The "Kol Ha'am" editor, Mr. Mordechai Caspi, who was also to have spoken, was not permitted to enter the town.

"We the Israel Arabs are an inseparable part of the people of Palestine," Mr. Habibi declared. "We insist that the Arab masses step up their struggle for our rights and for the return of our stolen property. We shall call on the Jewish masses to join us because we do not want the 1948 tragedy to be repeated, this time on the Jewish people," he said.

He lashed the authorities and "their friendship with the French imperialists." He expressed his support for the Algerian rebels and hailed the union of Egypt and Syria. "The day will come when we shall march forward with that union," he added.

When the town's electricity supply failed during his speech, it took the Communists' engineers only a few seconds to operate the loudspeakers again with the aid of batteries.

Progressives Balk At Tax Increase

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. I. Harari, Progressive Knesset Member, called on Prime Minister Ben-Gurion here today to inform him of the grave view which the Progressive Party has taken of the projected increases in income tax assessments and the travel tax.

Mr. Harari is understood to have stressed the point that reductions in income tax were promised in the Coalition Agreement.

The Progressives' move is taken as a natural reaction for the Party, pledged to support reduced taxation for the middle classes in its elections programme.

It is not believed in Mapai circles that the issue will lead to the Progressives leaving the coalition.

Entertainment Tax Partially Lifted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Performances of 21 theatre groups and 11 music circles, including symphony orchestras and conservatoriums, will be exempt from entertainment taxes under the Stamp Tax Ordinance, according to an administrative order gazetted Friday by the Minister of Finance. Sport activities and art exhibitions are other events that will also benefit from the exemption Order.

Specifically, entrance tickets to productions of the following organizations will be free of entertainment tax:

Theatre Groups: Habimah, Chamber, Ohel, Be-Re-Mi, Ein Hamasach, Children's Theatre Beematenu, Kindergarten Centre Children's Theatre, Theatre for Ma'barot (Telem), Puppets Theatre Lemial and Shlamiel of Haifa, Orot Troupe of Jerusalem, Inbal Troupe, Tree of Israel Troupe, Bubatren of Givat Hayim, Teatron Hacachol, Barak Or Children's and Youth Theatre, Urim Youth Theatre of Jerusalem, Zuta Theatre, Sambatyon, Musical Theatre for Children, Youth and Public, Bazal Yarok Theatre, Tilon Children and Youths Theatre.

Musical Groups: Israel Philharmonic, United Orchestra of the Hashomer Hatzair and Kibbutz Hameuhad, Tel Aviv Municipal Education Department, Concert and Record Circle, Haifa Orchestral Association, Music Lovers Association of Bet Zvi in Ramat Gan, Haifa Chamber Music Circle, Collegium Musicum, Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra Association, Jerusalem Chamber Music Circle, Jerusalem New Conservatory and Music Academy, Tivon Conservatory.

Sporting Events: Israel Football Association, Israel Sport Association, Hapoel, Maccabi, Betar, Israel Tennis Association, A.S.A., Academic Sport Association, Y.M.C.A. of Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Museums: Bezalel, Municipal museums of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Haifa, Safad and Acre and exhibitions sponsored by the Israel Association of Artists and Sculptors.

THE Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, on Friday toured the Nitzana area in the Western Negev. He was accompanied by officials of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department and of the Jewish National Fund. The party visited the settlements of Sde Boker, Ketziot, and Beerotayim.

Members of British Royal Family Arrive

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — The Duke of Rutland, the Duchess of Argyll and the Duchess' daughter, Miss Frances Sweeny, arrived yesterday morning by Air France on a five-day visit. The visitors, who are members of the British Royal Family, are on an extended tour of Asia and the Middle East.

The party was met at the airport by representatives of the Foreign Ministry and of the British Embassy in Israel. They are staying at the Accadia Hotel.

The Duke and Duchess and Miss Sweeny were received by Mrs. Vera Weizmann at her home in Rehovot later in the day.

Burglars Break Into 2 Tel Aviv Homes

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Cash, trinkets and household goods to a total value of almost IL4,000 were stolen on Friday morning by burglars operating in a similar fashion in two districts in the Tel Aviv area.

Raising a door blind, they broke into the room of Dr. I. Vition of the Tel Aviv District Attorney's office, and removed articles valued at IL600. Shortly afterwards, robbers employing a similar technique, stole cash, stamps and goods estimated to cost more than IL3,000 from the Ramat Gan home of Mr. A. Tamari.

The police have begun investigations. *(Itim)*

A Policeman injured in Thursday's Natorei Karta demonstrations against the construction of a swimming pool in Jerusalem is led away to be treated for his injuries. Of the two policemen hospitalized on Thursday, one of them, Shmuel Tubi, has been released. The other, Yehuda Weissman, who was struck in the stomach with a stone, is still detained. (Photo by Rubinger)

Cars Stoned in Sabbath Square

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several scores of youths gathered yesterday afternoon in what has become "Sabbath Square," the corner of Geula and Straus roads in Jerusalem, to protest to drivers of passing vehicles against the desecration of the Sabbath. Some stones were thrown.

Most of the drivers raced their vehicles through the crowd. Those who slowed up were forced to stop and engage in lengthy and heated ideological debates.

Many of the demonstrators were not religious and seemed to join the orthodox youth only for the fun of it.

Itim reports that 18 demonstrators who had been arrested during Thursday's large demonstration against mixed bathing in the projected public swimming pool, were brought before Jerusalem Magistrate A. Noam on Friday. All were ordered detained for ten days, including an American citizen and one from Argentina.

The first group of 11 were brought in the morning. Mr. Eliezer Shiloni, head of the Criminal Investigation Department in the capital, asked that they be detained for ten days so police could finish the investigation. He made the same plea in regard to the second group of seven who were brought in the afternoon from Hartuv where they had been imprisoned.

Mr. Haim Kahn, appearing for Mr. Arye L. Broide, of Chicago, asked that his client be freed immediately since he had not participated in the demonstration. He had been arrested while passing the spot.

Three Seamen Held For Smuggling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — A haul of smuggled goods, ranging from girdles to a bottle of whiskey, was caught by the customs police in the port on Thursday evening. The goods were the property of three seamen of the s.s. Zion, which returned from the U.S. on Thursday morning.

The three, all engine room workers are an officer, an oiler and a cadet. The first two were remanded for three days each in the Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The customs men believe that the goods belong to the oiler and that the other two were helping him to smuggle them out of the port. Two radio sets were hidden on the body of one of the men and the other goods were packed in cases for kerosene stoves. They included five more radios, all of them transistor operated pocket types; 200 Parker ball point pens; 37 articles of clothing, including the girdles, nylon underwear and woolen pullovers.

All told, the contraband is worth more than IL5,000 on the local market.

Blind Man's Arson Attempt Foiled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — A nearly blind man tried to burn his blind wife and their hut in the Kiryat Nahum *Ma'barot* on Thursday afternoon. His arson attempt foiled by neighbours, he was arrested and remanded for 15 days in the Magistrates Court yesterday.

The man, Said Darvush, 63, quarrelled with his wife after he spilled some oil in their hut. In his anger he took a bottle of kerosene, poured it over his wife and their bedding and then lit a match to start the blaze. But, his wife, Gutta, aged 60, noticed something amiss when he struck the match and started screaming. This attracted the neighbours who saved the couple.

The police investigation established that the couple had both gone blind about three years ago, while living in a Galilee village. Since then they have been receiving welfare support of IL36 monthly.

Two Injured In Road Accidents

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A four-year-old boy from Moshav Alkosh in Central Galilee, Rahbani Nachmani, was critically injured when he was run over by a bus driven by P. Fiber on the Rishon-Nes Ziona road yesterday. He was taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital. The driver was detained for questioning.

On the same day, Mrs. Nehama Hayun, 33, was hit by a truck driven by Abu el Hassan while crossing the main street in Lydda. She was also taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital, and the driver was detained.

T.A. Maccabi Edge Out Haifa Hapoel, 1-0; Keep League Lead

Jerusalem Post Staff

The three teams leading the National League won their games yesterday, and the standings remained unchanged. Tel Aviv Maccabi remains at the top, with Petah Tikva Hapoel in second spot and Haifa Maccabi third.

In Jaffa, Tel Aviv Maccabi scraped through to a 1-0 victory over Jerusalem Hapoel after a scoreless first half, in one of their poorest displays this season. The match was drab and only showed signs of life towards the end, when the Maccabi men managed to take the lead. Rafi Levy shot into the net in the 87th minute from close in for the deciding goal.

Petah Tikva Hapoel too found it hard going against Kfar Saba Hapoel, and after a two-all draw at half-time won by the only goal of the second half.

Of the three leading sides, the most decisive win was scored by Haifa Maccabi, who won 3-1 against Petah Tikva Maccabi after leading 2-1 at the interval.

In another match at Jaffa, Ramat Gan Hapoel drew, 1-1, with Tel Aviv Hapoel. Chodorov was not out for his side and his deputy, Elkayam, saved a number of dangerous shots. Tel Aviv netted first through Norial and Horonstein equalised six minutes later.

Tel Aviv Betar continued in the doldrums and went down, 4-1, to Haifa Maccabi, remaining at the foot of the table with three points from 10 games. Natanya Maccabi pulled off one of the best wins of the day, beating Jaffa Maccabi, 3-0.

Simandaris Hat-Trick

Haifa Hapoel playing at home, beat low-lying Tel Aviv Betar, 4-1 (1-1), before 5,000 spectators at the City stadium. Strong southerly winds interfered with the play.

Many accurate passes from the home team's imported right-half and trainer, Zlatko Tchaikovski, enabled the Haifa forwards to bombard the Betar goal continuously, especially in the second half when the wind was behind them. But neither team put up more than a mediocre performance.

The scoring opened in the ninth minute when Haifa's back, M. Simandaris, headed in a corner by Betar's Bar Zion into his own net. Eleven minutes later, his brother, outside-left Y. Simandaris, equalized. In the second half he shot in two more goals within the space of three minutes. The visitors started some good attacks but their shots could not find the net.

In a friendly game, Jerusalem Betar, who top League A, defeated Sha'arayim Maccabi, the "bottom-dogs" 2-1, after leading in the first half by 1-0. The 4,000 spectators were disappointed with the local team, which did not play up to standard and many fans left before the end of the game.

RESULTS: National League: T.A. Mac. 1, J'lem Hap. 0; T.A. Hap. 1, Ramat Gan Hap. 1; Natanya Mac. 3, Jaffa Mac. 0; Haifa Hap. 4, T.A. Betar 1; Petah T. Hap. 3, Kfar Saba Hap. 2; Haifa Mac. 3, Petah T. Mac. 1. **League A:** Hadera Hap. 0, Afula Hap. 3. **Reserve League:** Haifa Hap. 4, T.A. Betar 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	GP.	GA.	Pts.
T.A. Mac.	10	22: 3	17
Petah T. Hap.	10	20:13	15
Haifa Mac.	10	23:11	14
Ramat G. Hap.	10	10: 9	12
Natanya Mac.	10	15:12	11
Haifa Hap.	10	13:14	11
J'lem Hap.	11	12:14	10
Jaffa Mac.	11	13:13	10
T.A. Hap.	10	14:19	9
Petah T. Mac.	10	13:24	6
Kfar Saba Hap.	10	12:28	4
T.A. Betar	10	10:21	3

Basketball League "A"

Jerusalem Hapoel won their game against Haifa Maccabi, 51-39, after leading 29-18 in the first half. The Jerusalemites were easily the better side in the first half, but the picture changed in the second half when the visitors drew level at 29-29.

The Haifa rally was short-lived, however, and the capital's cagers drew away with a rapid series of baskets.

Other results: T.A. Mac. 41, T.A. Hap. 36; J'lem Mac. 48, Hadarom Mac. 42; Haifa Hap. 55, Ashdot Yaakov Hap. 49; Mishmar Ha'Emek Hap. 47, Bet Alpha Hap. 31; Holon Hap. 70, Petah T. Mac. 43. **Handball, First Division:** Ramat G. Mac. 9, Hatzafon Mac. 3; Rehovot Mac. 19, Rehovot Hap. 3; Rishon Mac. 7, Petah T. Mac. 4; Petah T. Hap. 6, T.A. Mac. 4.

Cables in Brief

RESCUE. — Eight workers, entombed for 30 hours by a landslide in a tunnel at Salta City near Buenos Aires, were rescued on Thursday night. Rescue teams had to cut their way through hard rock to reach the men, who were working on a hydro-electric project.

OLDEST. — Hadzi Hamid Gandura, said to be the oldest Yugoslav, died on Friday at the age of 130 in Sarajevo. He was born in 1828 in Mecca, Arabia.

CRASH.—A B-47 jet bomber crashed while approaching Biggs Air Force base, El Paso, Texas, on Thursday night. One crew member was killed and the three others aboard suffered minor injuries.

DIVORCE. — Mrs. Jennie Krajewski of Detroit has secured a divorce from her husband Anthony for the fourth time but had to give the judge her word of honour that she would not marry the same man again.

Pilgrimage to Grave Of Trumpeldor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Some 1,200 boys and girls of young Maccabi made the traditional pilgrimage to Tel Hai this morning and held a parade at the grave of Trumpeldor and his comrades. Later they toured Galilee.

Some 500 Betar youths held a sports day in Safad today prior to their pilgrimage.

Histadrut Budget Debate Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Histadrut Executive is to open its three-day discussions tomorrow at 4 p.m. on a 1958/59 draft budget of more than IL20m.

This will be the second consecutive year that membership fees will not be raised.

At the opening session, the Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. P. Lavon, will make the keynote speech in which he will outline plans for the coming year, as well as present a review of the past 12 months. Treasurer, Mr. Y. Haskin, and his Deputy, Mr. G. Levinson, will speak on the draft budget after which a discussion will be held.

Three addresses are on the agenda for Monday. Mr. R. Barkatt will review the activities of the Political Department which he heads, Mr. S. Josephtal that of the Absorption Department and Mr. B. Repetur—the Employment Department. The rest of this session and that of Tuesday will be devoted to discussions, to be followed by the voting.

The budget represents an increase of more than IL2.1m. over last year's. Special items include IL70,000 for the research and education grants fund. This sum is in addition to grants from the cultural centre (IL50,000) and from Histadrut economic enterprises (IL100,000). Similarly, IL10,000 is being granted to the I.P.O. and the theatres.

The budget includes allocations of IL16,500 for the Political Department's bureaux in Europe and Asia. Other items include IL25,000 for the Tenth Anniversary, IL20,000 for new cars, and IL80,000 in municipal taxes.

Jobless Demonstrate In Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Five hundred unemployed and relief workers demonstrated before the local Labour Exchange for an hour and a half yesterday morning demanding payment of wages for relief jobs in January.

The demonstration dispersed after receiving a promise from the Secretary of the Exchange that their wages would be paid within the week.

SUDDEN ILLNESS

Because of the sudden illness of the conductor, Mr. George Singer, the Orchestra's ninth subscription series concert which was to have been held tonight in Tel Aviv will be postponed until next Saturday night.

Tel Aviv U. to Open Applied Math. Branch

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A new faculty of applied mathematics, to train personnel for electronic instruments, will be opened shortly at the Tel Aviv University. The department is being set up at the request of the Weizmann Institute, Prof. I. Efrat, Dean of the University, told the ZOA House Dinner Club here on Thursday night.

This was but one way in which the university developed to meet specific needs, the speaker said. Although it did not have the means to develop every faculty, it adopted its programme to meet the demands placed upon it.

The campaign to raise support in the U.S. for both these purposes would be intensified, he said.

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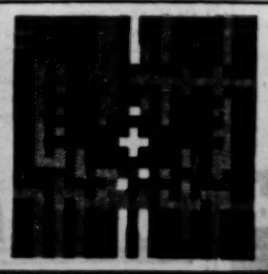

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LIBERIA had a democratic constitution, guaranteed freedom of speech and freedom of the press a year before Kossuth rose in Hungary in 1848 to extend the franchise and to free newspapers from control, a year before the risings in Italy, Austria and France, and the meeting of the liberal Frankfurt Assembly. It is quite appropriate therefore that Liberia should have been the first step on Mrs. Meir's official tour of West Africa.

LINK WITH LIBERIA

Much that is parallel can be traced in the history of Liberia and Israel. Liberia, on gaining independence in 1847, had to pass through many of the ordeals which faced Israel a century later. Like Israel, Liberia is a country created by the descendants of those who had left it, for the benefit of all their brethren who were in search of a home and a country of their own. It took Liberia many years to gain international recognition, and for more than half a century she had to struggle to hold her own against her imperialist neighbours who vied for parts of her territory and at times even contemplated its dissolution. It was not until 1903 that Liberia's borders were definitely settled and recognized.

It is perhaps for these reasons that Liberia has shown much understanding for the people of Israel. In 1947 Liberia was one of the States to support in the United Nations the creation of the State. In 1949 she voted for the admission of Israel to the United Nations, and in 1952 she supported direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab States for a settlement of outstanding problems.

For many years, Israel was represented in Liberia by an Honorary Consul, Mr. Simon Simonovitch, who is one of the outstanding citizens of Monrovia and the President of the Liberian Chamber of Commerce. Last year Israel established a diplomatic mission, headed by Ambassador Ehud Avriel.

His appointment to the two posts at Monrovia and Accra carried with it the best of hopes for closer political and economic relations with West Africa. In Liberia he is assisted by a First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Yitzhak Horpy (Chizik), and it may now be hoped that Liberia will soon find her way further to strengthen relations by sending a representative to Israel.

Another Israeli, Captain Edward Sharon, acts as Commander of the Presidential yacht of Liberia, and more than a dozen Israelis are employed in Liberia as managers, architects, engineers and foremen of the Liberian Construction Company. Trade, too, is making some progress, but it seems that possibilities there as well as in other fields of economic cooperation, must be further explored. A number of fellowships have been offered to Liberian students to study here.

In her talks with President Tubman, Mrs. Meir has met the man who, since he was first elected in 1943, has put Liberia on her feet economically and is considered by many to be the father of modern Liberia. It may be hoped that the visit will contribute towards the strengthening of relations between the two countries on either side of the African continent.

Baha'i Faith Spreads To Australia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Mr. Charles Mason Remey, the President of the International Baha'i Council, has left for Sydney, Australia, to represent his late Eminence, Shoghi Rabbani, world head of the Baha'i Faith, at this year's second intercontinental conference. The conference will be held from March 20 to 24.

Mr. Remey will place the foundation stone of the first Baha'i temple to be built in the Antipodes. He is himself the architect of the temple.

He will present the temple with a silver box containing dust from the tomb of Baha'u'llah, the Baha'i prophet, at Bahji, near Acre.

U.S. Recession Accepted Fact

Optimistic Administration Making No Radical Changes

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — THE recession in America is an accepted fact. But it does not show in the streets, nor does it bring the nagging nights that keep a man awake fearing for his home and his future. Breadlines have been reported and as swiftly dismissed as journalistic figments. But anger in the face of some indefinable wall that blocks further advance into a paradise of cars and ranch-type houses and shining, rounded gadgets that hum with electricity, this exists and is a political factor. Indeed, it is promising to become the main controversial issue in the November Congressional elections.

Producing Too Fast

No scholarship is needed to chart the nature of what is wrong. As in other countries a certain standard of living is now regarded here as a man's prerogative. It is, of course, a high one, and the sort of people who vaguely concern themselves with politics expect it to rise continually. No exterior crisis has occurred that is considered strong enough to overthrow this idea. But despite the existence of this idea there is also the fact that America can now produce far faster than she can distribute or absorb. More bluntly the rate of growth of the American economy, measured in cost-corrected dollars, is declining.

From 1947 to 1953, the rate of growth was 4.7 per cent on a national average. From 1953 to 1957 it was 2.7 per cent; and from 1956 to 1957 it was less than one per cent. Unemployment has a great deal more than doubled itself in the last few months. It was 4,500,000 in January and more than five millions now, which is three millions above the reasonably acceptable level. The steel industry is working at 55 per cent of capacity and most of the basic industries at 65 to 80 per cent of capacity. And all this at a time when the Russian rate of growth is from seven to 10 per cent a year.

The Russians, apparently, can afford what they decide they need, while America, demonstrably cannot afford what she knows she needs.

The strong opposition to the Administration, in the realm of economics, tends to be academic in origin and, of course, Democratic. With reason, such men would describe present policy as an economic Maginot Line, cautious, deceptively safe and unimaginative. They claim that the present Administration is against recession rather than in pursuit of expansion, and this attitude does not fit into the romantic tradition of American economics. It can easily be argued that the Republicans have adopted a depressive policy that has been productive both of inflation and unemployment.

Subtle Decline

The American economy has been in subtle decline since 1953 and no passage of a fundamental change exists. In the last two-and-a-half years prices have been going up not as a result of an increased demand, but because those who administer prices have been allowed to lift them to compensate for inadequate sales. The tight money policy was, on the whole, a failure. It did not check the investment craze which seized those with capital and resulted in an over-productive capacity. The tight money policy left people with fluid capital alone but hurt most the small businesses, agriculture and those who produce durable goods which must be built into great stockpiles.

You cannot equate this criticism precisely with a Parliamentary Opposition. The Democratic Party offers America some of its most distinguished moss-backed, pay-as-you-go economists in the Senate and the House. But an Opposition idea — variously expressed by the academics, by union leaders like Walter Reuther, by Senator Douglas of Illinois — could be outlined as a practical alternative. Get rid of the tight money policy and loosen credit and increase Government spending. Get rid of the Administration's preoccupation with the Budget. It is only an instrument in a national policy and it has been elevated to the level of a morality. And the Presidential pulpit technique, in which italics and exclamation marks take the place of programmes, has been proved inadequate.

The Administration naturally takes no such gloomy view. The present recession has taken a foreseen and predictable course. Its general characteristics are those of the 1953/54 recession which also was stimulated by a decline in defence spending. There has been an increase in Government spending which today has a similar multiplying effect. Exports are down but unlikely to stay that way. Consumer spending, in spite of unemployment, has been well maintained and that is a sure sign of private confidence. The lightening of the stockpiles of durable goods is nearly over, and should be finished some time from March to May.

The statistical rate of decline must be approached sceptically because the index of industrial production is no longer a reliable symptom of the economy — the growth of its validity. Wages are going up. Housing has shown a spectacular increase. There is no sign of panic among the people.

Congress Unsettled

The Administration neither wishes nor intends at this juncture to take drastic action. With judicious nudging, it believes that America can cure itself. March to May is its prediction for the time for a change for the better. Congress, in its present mood of ambition to take over the Government, is likely to be less satisfied. Most Congressmen, after all, have to face reelection this year. More and more they are seeking a consensus on a new economic policy, but the change over from economy to spending is a hard one particularly for a politician, and criticism rather than legislative suggestions seems inevitable.

It would be unwise to expect any radical change in present American policy. Dr. Keyserling, who headed Mr. Truman's Council of Economic Advisors, puts it this way: "A small depression, and even a large recession, judged by the old standards, seems unlikely, but the restoration of full employment and production and the resumption of a full rate of economic growth which has not been enjoyed for five years seems unlikely. For domestic and world reasons this is the real problem we face rather than a serious threat that the current recession will snowball into anything still more serious. We are likely to come out of the current recession much as we came out of the two previous ones since World War II. This is encouraging by some tests, but wholly unsatisfactory for a larger perspective."

MUSICAL DIARY

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Arieh Zemanek, conductor; Gerti Reiner, piano (Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem, February 25). F. Ben-Haim: Suite "From Israel"; Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto No. 2 in G-minor; Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 in B-flat.

IT was a well-prepared concert, a lively and concentrated performance that paid attention to every minute detail of the scores. The orchestra, which is usually very sensitive to conductors (especially in a negative way) put up a good show, and its sound and clean playing was very satisfying.

However, why cannot conductors do their callisthenics at home instead of preventing one from listening to the music and appreciating the conductor's work? This was particularly regrettable this week, for Mr. Zemanek showed talent, temperament and dedication of such an order that one wishes to hear him again soon.

The soloist of the evening, the Haifaite pianist Gerti Reiner, gave a most enjoyable performance of Saint-Saens' pleasant if rather Lisztian Piano Concerto. She combined a most delicate touch with exemplary technical dexterity. Her evident disdain of visual showmanship effects deserves special mention, for it seems to be the fashion with our pianists to pay more attention to the visual impression they force on the innocent public than to serve the works under their fingers. Miss Reiner has not been heard here for quite a long time, and it is to be hoped that she will soon appear with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra again.

Eighth Concert presented by the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society and the Jerusalem Musicians Association (Beit Hillel, February 23). Th. Yellin, cello; A. Schroeder, piano; A. Lavanon, soprano; Y. Tal, accompanist. Beethoven: Sonata in F; Schubert: Songs; Wolf: Songs; Brahms: Sonata in E-minor.

SOME of the Wolf songs were rendered charmingly and Yosef Tal's accompaniment was on a high level throughout, but it is most doubtful whether the concert as a whole was conducive to the appreciation of chamber music, which is the intended purpose of these recitals. It is up to the committee selecting the artists to prevent a further decline in the artistic level of the Jerusalem Chamber Music concerts, which started off with such good intentions and results. If artists do not know when to stop appearing in public, the committee should have the courage to refuse to take them on for this series, which has built up a good reputation for technical proficiency and musical responsibility.

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Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Seventh Special Subscription Concert. Sergiu Celibidache, conductor; (Mann Auditorium, February 26); Mozart: "Don Giovanni" Overture; Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D-major; Hindemith: Symphonic Metamorphoses; Ravel: "Rapsodie Espagnole."

THE orchestra's pale rendering of the Mozart Overture was due not only to Mr. Celibidache's somewhat heavy treatment of the work, but probably also to insufficient rehearsal. Contrary to it, the Beethoven Symphony was played (with the exception of the Scherzo, on which the conductor imposed a tempo that dragged) with great élan and care for all the expansive detail of this great work.

The second part of the programme, which consisted of the two works previously reviewed in these columns, received the same elated rendition for which Mr. Celibidache again reaped prolonged applause.

AVIDOM

Israel Music Abroad

THE International Society for Contemporary Music has chosen the Second String Quartet by Herbert Brun for its 32nd Festival, to be held in Strasbourg in June. This work was one of four submitted by the Israel Section (Jurors: Michael Taube, Frank Pelleg).

Symphony No. 1 by Yosef Tal will be performed at two subscription concerts of the Australian Broadcasting Commission at Sydney in April. The work will be conducted by Sir Bernard Heinze.

Paul Ben-Haim's new "Music for the Piano, 1957" was presented by Varda Nishry over the French Television Network. She also played it at her Paris recital at the Salle Gaveau, earning enthusiastic reviews. The composer has dedicated the work to the pianist, who plays with the I.P.O. this week and will also record the composition.

W. E.

Young Stars

DAVID Bar-Illan, the Haifa-born pianist, will come home for the Tenth Anniversary celebrations. The Israel Philharmonic has invited him to appear with it under the baton of Dmitri Mitropoulos.

The heading of the Musical Diary of the "Vancouver Sun" of January 23 described Bar-Illan as a "New Musical Star." The critic wrote that it was sensational playing in every respect and that the artist fascinated his listeners by his impeccable finger dexterity and entranced them by his wide range of tone colour. He then mentioned his sensitivity, imagination, power and restraint, revealing an innate artistic perception.

Young Daniel Barenboim, enchanted his Athens audience in Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, writes M. Dounias, Music Critic of the "Kathimerini." Judging Barenboim not as a prodigy but as a mature musician who can be placed among the outstanding personalities of his art, the Athens critic mentions the boy's captivating personality, amazing understanding and eloquent powers of interpretation.

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Friday's Press

Cigarette Standard Asked

ONLY one filter-tip cigarette manufactured in this country, writes **Ha'aretz** (non-party), effectively filters out tars and nicotine, the two factors that are possibly responsible for cancer of the lung. The paper has elicited this from a study carried out by the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Hebrew University School of Medicine, which does not disclose the name of the cigarette, presumably on the ground that that would be unfair to the other cigarette companies and only help the fortunate manufacturers rake in a fortune. But the public has a right to demand that the University drop its qualms for once and inform us which is the safe brand so as to save our money and health. It is quite possible, comments the paper, that lung cancer is not caused by smoking at all, or that, if it is, the filter-tip does not constitute suitable protection, but if a smoker assumes that he is getting a filtered smoke the University should not allow him to be deceived. **Ha'aretz** concludes by calling for the adoption of the Department's plan, according to which a standard would be fixed for filter tips and the Government would require all cigarette brands to be tested and meet it.

Davar (Histadrut), noting that although ambassadors do not make policy their observations can go far in assisting its shaping, writes that if Mr. Bodrov reports exactly what he sees there is no doubt that Soviet-Israel amity will be reestablished. But it must be remembered, the paper continues, that mutual regard is a two-way street and just as Moscow wants to know what goes on in our country so are we interested in what is going on in the USSR, especially among the Jews. That interest cannot be termed prying into the internal affairs of another country and if we forgo it we shall only be living a lie. And amity based on a lie cannot subsist.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) also hopes that the new ambassador's arrival will open a new chapter in relations and understanding between Moscow and Jerusalem while **Hatzofe** (World Mizrahi) writes that as an enlightened and cultured person Mr. Bodrov will surely bring the real facts of Israel life to the attention of his superiors to the point where they will realize that their baseless hostility towards us has only mad the Arabs pin too much hope on an easy despatch of our State; and **Haboker** (General Zionist) agrees, that Mr. Bodrov's arrival can usher in a new era—provided he has been entrusted with such a mission.

Herut writes that the Mufti's opportunity has come now that Nasser has imposed upon him the task of basing a "Palestine Government" on Gaza as a step in ultimately absorbing it in the new union, something he has been wary of doing till now. The Israel Government should lose no time in scotching the plot before it is confronted with a *new fait accompli*.

Readers' Letters

OIL DRILLING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We have read with interest Mr. Novomeysky's article, in your issue of February 21, concerning the necessity of drilling for the finding of oil and the role of foreign oil exploration companies in this oil finding.

It comes as a surprise to us that Mr. Novomeysky has written off the foreign companies who hold licences in Israel. Pan-Israel and Israel Mediterranean consider themselves to be in the thick of the oil search, and in no way feel that their efforts have been wasted because they have discovered no oil after four years. As a matter of fact, these companies have recently brought an American geophysical crew here with the latest equipment and techniques and are reworking all their Coastal Plain and Negev licences. This exploration costs more each month than actual drilling. We feel that much of the drilling to date has been hurried and has not been based on sufficient evidence. Apparently the Government agrees with this trend of thought as they are extending every cooperation in allowing us the necessary time to fully determine the deep-seated geological conditions.

There is no question that oil can only be found by drilling and we are therefore overhauling our 10,000-foot capacity drilling rig in preparation for our next deep test. But let us keep in mind that drilling without prior careful and intensive exploration by the best means available will only harm the Israel oil industry.

Yours, etc.
H. I. HARRIS
Chief Geologist, Pan-Israel Oil Co.
and Israel Mediterranean Petroleum, Inc.
Rehovot, February 25.

Parliamentary Report — *By Lea Ben Dor*

Budget, Industry and Index

THE budget debate has slipped almost unnoticed from the first reading to the second. The real work on the budget is done in the hard-pressed Finance Committee, where everything has not been smooth sailing. The sharp increase of the travel tax has raised the customary storm of protest and is certain to be amended. It is difficult to say why the tax on foreign travel — which only the comparatively well-to-do can hope to enjoy in Israel—should be considered the last straw that will break the back of democracy, while a 30 per cent tax on domestic refrigerators, which are at least as necessary in this country as travel, is accepted without a murmur. That is how people feel, and how people feel is merely another way of spelling democracy.

Nobody has ever claimed that democracy is logical or even efficient, but it is as comforting to the spirit as an old shoe, to be able to be illogical.

Radio Journal

Some sharp arguments are also likely to be applied to the much-debated radio journal. Close on half a million pounds is certainly a lot of money to spend on the dissemination of printed radio programmes, with some reproduced talks as a makeweight, even if one discounts the sinister party motivation that has been imputed to the journal. With the elections approaching, Mapai's coalition partners are getting restive and guard their position with increasing vigilance and suspicion. The non-Mapai cabinet members at last week's Cabinet meeting turned their thumbs down in unison on the journal and this can only mean that their Knesset factions will attempt to stop approval of the item in Kol Yisrael's budget. It does not seem probable that Mr. Ben-Gurion will invoke his principle of collective Coalition discipline, as evolved after the debacle over the planned visit of the "high ranking personality" to Germany some months ago, over so unimportant a point as the journal, particularly as he is well known to have little faith in the power of the contemporary printed word in any case. It follows that the item may still be struck off in the Finance Committee, in an agreement that may leave Mapai with a bargaining point in hand for some other occasion.

IN his opening speech for the second budget reading the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, said emphatically that he would continue to liberalize import policies. The licensing system has been eased for a number of important items, including timber and plastics, and industry has been breathing a little more freely in this respect.

Currency Control

Foreign currency control would have to be maintained, he said, however, to protect ourselves against sharp fluctuations in the value of our currency due to outside factors beyond our control, such as sudden changes in the rate of immigration. Almost every item on the index had some foreign currency in its make up, and a change in the value of the pound would therefore destroy the stability of the index, and the index is all.

Two days earlier Mr. David Hacohen, the member for Soiel Boneh, had made a fervent plea for a little less attention to the index, and a little more to the welfare of industry, with the general implication that if industry were allowed to flourish the index would take care of itself.

Return on Funds

The Alliance tyre factory, for instance, he said, was a model plant, which had begun production to schedule, and had worked 24 hours a day ever since, turning out high quality products which were sold at home and abroad as fast as they could be made. The 500 American investors who had been recruited for the venture had nevertheless received only 16 cents on each invested dollar over the past six years.

"Two per cent," said Mr. Hacohen.

"If you quote figures you should be accurate," protested the Finance Minister.

"All right, then, 2.6 per cent," conceded the speaker.

The money cost them 6 per cent in the United States, and if they had invested it there in a successful venture they might expect a return of 12 to 20 per cent. If they were to be investors and not benefactors, this was no way to do business. And why could they not get a return on their money? Because, reckoning the bare IL1,800 to the dollar, the tyres were being sold at 15 per cent less than American, British or Belgian tyres, all for the sake of the index. Mr. Rogosin, as a big fish, Mr. Hacohen says, had actually been offered most favourable terms, but the shabby treatment of the Alliance investors was no way to attract other small and medium capitalists. His argument was much less paradoxical than some he has produced in the past. The only paradox is that Labour's Solel Boneh is the biggest industrialist in Israel, and free-economy thinking appears to be as natural a by-product of the big factory chimneys as is smoke itself.

Key Money Bill

UNMENTIONED, the shadow of the index fell sharply also over the opening speech of the new Key Money law, delivered by Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice.

By 1940 the shortage of flats was acute, and the malpractice of taking a premium from a new tenant had become so general that the Mandatory administration promulgated a paragraph banning such payments within the framework of a tenants protection act. Once introduced, rent restriction has been maintained, and average rents have less than doubled since, while other costs have gone up by anything up to ten-fold, including building costs. Key money is around 60 per cent of the purchase price of a flat, and would seem to be calculated as a function of the landlord's figure for capitalised compensation for the low controlled rental and of the public's estimate of how long the present absolute rent freeze is likely to be maintained. It proved quite impossible to stem the law of supply and demand and despite the law key money was paid and accepted almost without exception, even by the Registrar of Enemy Property, who merely called it by a different name.

One or two cases in which tenants had paid key money in the regular way and attempted to get their money back by appealing to the courts that this had been illegal were thrown out.

Time for Change

The time had come, Mr. Rosen said, to change a law that is regularly disregarded, and to remove the stigma of illegality from a normal transaction; incidentally it will also protect the small number of tenants who cannot obtain their regular share of the key-money because their landlord takes advantage of the fact that they are forced to move and cannot employ the standard threat that they will not go away if they do not get their money from the new tenant.

"The tenant's 65 per cent share of the key money," a landlord has observed, "is an accurate index of the extent to which the landlord has been expropriated by rent restriction."

He has been expropriated, like Alliance's American investors, to save the index from inflationary shocks. It may be that this policy will in the end prove to have saved the State, but who will put up a monument to its victims?

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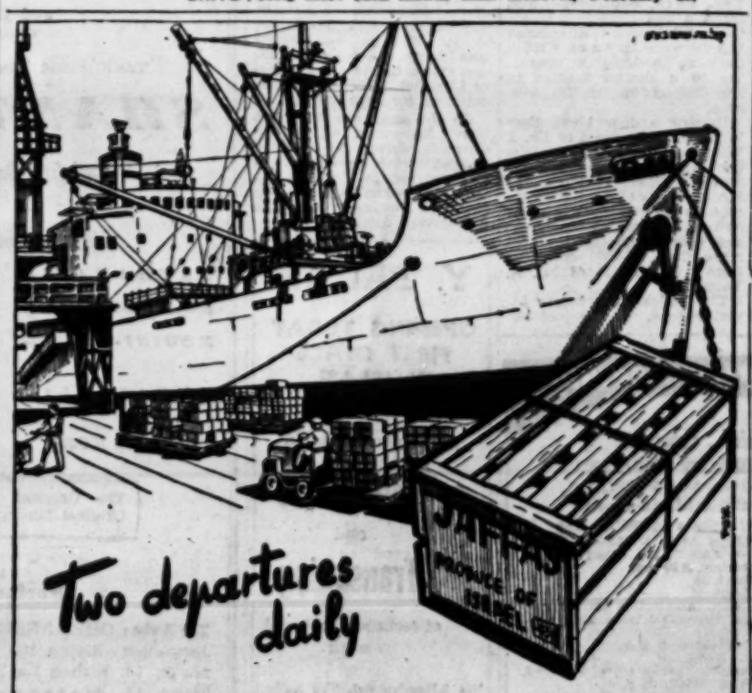

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